

Let us have Faith that Right makes Might, and in that Faith let us to the end dare to do our Duty as we understand it.—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

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POETICAL.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER.

Life is like a race where some succeed.

While others are beginning.

To live in some, in others sleep.

That gives an early warning.

But if you choose to fall behind.

Just keep this wholesome truth in mind.

"The better late than never."

And if you keep behind, his well.

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SELECT STORY.

A MIDNIGHT ADVENTURE.

An Encounter with a Preacher.

Some years ago, while journeying

through the central part of Ohio,

a terrible snow storm occurred,

so obstructed the road that several

passengers, including myself, were

obliged to find accommodation in a

small wooden tavern situated near

by. After satisfying our inner man

with a warm supper, we all congregated

around the bar room fire, and

conversational, engaged in smoking,

telling stories, and enjoying our

selves generally.

Among us was a middle aged

gentleman, apparently a merchant,

who remained a silent listener to the

conversation, before the steamer

but our vocabulary of stories was

exhausted, and the gentleman was

invited to revive the drooping con-

versation by telling a story. He

readily assented, and after a few

minutes he began to tell the follow-

ing, which I give to the

reader as near as my memory

will permit:

About twenty years ago, he began,

I was connected with a wealthy firm

in St. Louis, and desiring to visit

New Orleans, was intrusted with a

considerable sum of money by my

employers, to be conveyed with all

possible haste to a New Orleans

merchant.

Early in the morning I got aboard

the boat and leaned listlessly over

the railing, watching the inhabitants

as they went forth to their various

occupations. I had not been in that

position long, before the steamer

moved slowly away from the pier;

and soon the city was entirely lost

to view.

During the day nothing transpired

to render the voyage disagreeable,

and as the shades of night began to

hover over the water, I repaired to

the saloon, where several gentlemen

were engaged in rather stormy

discussion of politics. Soon I be-

came entangled along with the rest,

and gave my particular views on

political subjects.

While conversing, I involuntarily

glanced at my watch, and found

a large sum of money in my possession.

Nothing further was said about it at

the time, however, but the thought

flashed upon my mind that in a crowd